

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of producing a piece of artwork using a computer-controlled color printer (e. g. thermal in-jet printer) capable of printing at least three colors, is provided. The method includes: a) Inputting (e. g. from a digital camera, or the Internet) or selecting a multicolor image (e. g. a digital photograph) so that it is provided in the computer. b) Selectively disabling one or more of the colors, while not disabling all of the colors besides black, of the printer to insure little or none of the one or more disabled colors is printed by the printer; and c) with the printer, printing the non-disabled color or colors of the image onto a substrate (such as matte paper or canvas). In the method, a)-c) may be practiced to produce a final work of art, but preferably the method further includes d) further acting upon the substrate from c) to add artistic elements (e. g. adding acrylic paints, texture, color, foreign materials, and/or objects) to spaced portions of the substrate to produce a final artwork. Typically, b) is practiced to fully disable one or more colors (such as at least black and near black), but can be practiced to only partially disable one or more colors. For an ink-jet printer b) may be practiced by removing an active black ink cartridge. For any printer, b) may be practiced by using computer software. A printer to practice the method, and final artwork produced by the method, are also provided.